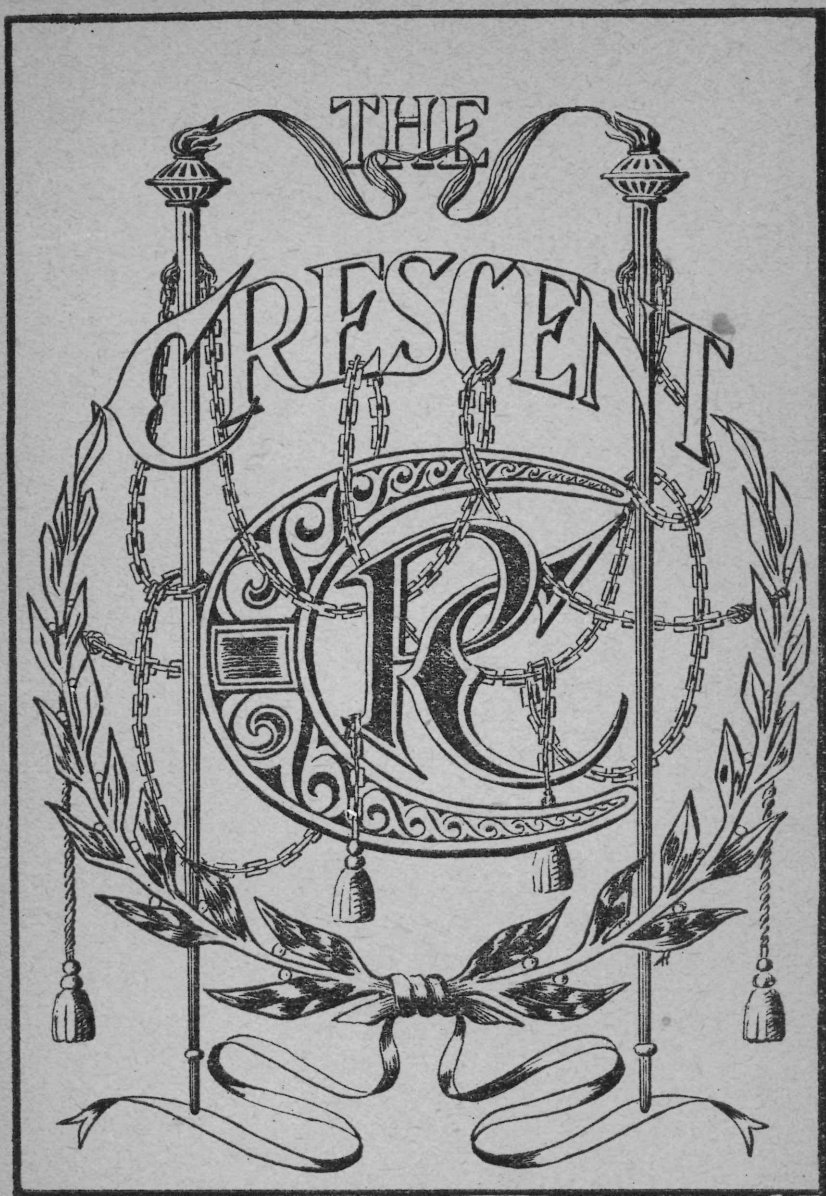


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Aunt Harriet Comes.

“Get your hat Coz, and let’s go over to that shady place where the creek runs over those large rocks, where we were last Saturday.” And Elsie Halman playfully threw a torn rose at her big cousin John, who was reading the last “Post” on the shady east porch.

The place of which Elsie spoke was certainly inviting. A creek ran through a deep ravine a short distance from the house, and the only entrance to the ravine was by a narrow foot path among the rocks. The enclosure was made by the hills, and peace and quiet reigned. Only birds disturbed the golden silence of this resort. It was nature’s cathedral where man had not yet disturbed the order of things, and rocks, trees, and birds worshiped the Creator of it. This natural garden was Elsie’s resting place— a perfect *San souci*—when the noisy world wearied her, and when she was in a pensive mood.

And so cousin John forsook his paper, and the two hied away to the woods to drink the rapture of a perfect June evening.

One would have thought they were brother and sister; but in fact they were only second or third cousins. They had grown up together on adjoining farms, sharing childhood’s joys, and often sorrows together. So their lives were strongly united, and they were brother and sister in spirit, if not in reality. But John Gilman had gone off to college, and their childhood days were over. Now after five years, during which John had enjoyed many a visit at the Halman farm, he was again

to spend a rapturous fortnight with Elsie and her people. The doctor had sent him away from the cramped office room, which was so stifling to John's generous, free nature, with threats of terrible penalty, should he return in less than a month. It was Elsie's delight—this visit of John's—and her pretty, girlish figure about incessantly to keep him delightfully entertained, while her amusing pranks, her songs, her merry laughter, continually reminded John of the dainty butterfly girl with whom he had once played at his old home, and it was paradise for John. With all his brotherly heart he adored his little cousin, and his grateful, generous nature never tired of her company.

They at last reached the little "Sans souci" in the ravine, and were reclining on the velvety green, grass carpet.

"There, I call that perfect," said Elsie, pointing to the large maple to their left, where the sinking sun played his soft light among the leaves.

"Yes," replied John, and they lapsed into silence, choosing the musical murmur of the brook rather than conversation. Presently Elsie broke into John's dreams with—

"O John, I forgot to tell you, Aunt Harriett is coming tomorrow. Mama told me just before we started."

"Who's Aunt Harriet?"

"Why, my aunt Harriet. You know papa married mama three years ago, and she's mama's sister. I've never seen her—wonder what she's like."

"Very nice, of course. She'll surely be like your mother."

"Yes, but how old is she, and what does she do, and how does she dress? That's what I want to know. Of course she'll be nice. One's relatives always are."

"I have her pictured," said Elsie, (ignoring this remark) "as an old maid, for mama said she was never married, and she'll knit or darn, and want to boss the work, and—and she can't care for my flowers. I won't let her."

"But maybe she won't be that way. Maybe she isn't so old and fidgety."

"Oh yes she must be old; mama is forty-six."

The sun had set and myriad untiring frogs were ushering in the night by their monotonous croaking. The cousins reluctantly left "Sans souci" and journeyed homeward.

The next morning at nine o'clock, John was on his way to the station to meet Aunt Harriet. Mr. Halman was too ill to be out, so John was the only resort. It would be awkward, he thought, for he did not even know her, but it was a small place, and there would be few at the station, so it would not be so bad. And besides he was anxious to get a glimpse of Elsie's chum Marie Long, who was to come on that train. Elsie had said so much about Marie—rosy cheeks, golden hair, and big blue child-eyes, those were John's ideal woman.

But disappointment awaited him, for no Aunt Harriet came. Elsie's Marie came, just as Elsie had described her—rosy and beautiful. She was apparently unexpected, for she looked in vain for some one to drive her home.

John had secured the desired glance at Miss Long, and was turning to retrace his steps to the Halman carriage, when a step sounded behind him. Turning, he saw Miss Long approaching. He would get more than a glimpse of her. Then he experienced that peculiar impression of having seen her before. Surely those eyes—

"Your pardon, can you tell me where Mr. Henry Halman lives.

"Certainly. Then perhaps you are Elsie Halman's Harriet?"

"Harriet Van Keen is my name."

Harriet Van Keen! That he should meet her here, and now!

"My name is John Gilman," and John's big heart is beating furiously inside his chest.

"Why John! or Mr. Gilman, how strange! I don't understand!"

"You see I am Elsie's cousin. I am visiting there, and was sent to drive you home."

Years had passed since cruel circumstance had separated them, or rather since parents through the agency of circumstance, had separated them. And now he was again to be with her—the only girl who had ever opened the door of his heart.

One evening shortly after Harriet's arrival, she and John tarried late at "San souci" alone and came home through the starlight. Elsie understood it all—love kept them. But there was more than that to tell. The next morning John sought out Elsie in the Rose garden. "Petite," he said, "there is going to be the sweetest, prettiest wedding, and you are to be bride's-maid."

Debate Tryout.

The tryout for the debate team was held January 27. Seven debaters participated in the finals, from whom were chosen Roy Fitch, '10, Arthur Wilson, '08, and Riley Kaufman, '10, for the first team, with Alice Hayes, '08, alternate. R. W. Rees presided and Clarence Butt, Prof. R. W. Kirk and E. H. Woodward, acted as judges.

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The local contest now being a matter of history, we must prepare for the state contest in March. Last year we were represented by a large rooter's club and it is hoped we may make as favorable a showing this year. You may aid your orator at the contest in two ways, one by being present at the contest, the other by writing new yells and songs. New and catchy yells are hard to secure and it is not too early to commence work on them now.

The local oratorical and its attendant troubles somewhat handicapped the basket ball manager in the last games. He was forced to take to McMinnville a number of men who had not played together and lacked team work, thus weakening both the first and second

teams. Both teams lost, but we feel that had we been able to present our regular lineup we would have won. This is not to in any way take credit from McMinnville who won fairly and squarely, but is merely an example of the hard luck in which the team has played all year. The basket ball team should be congratulated on the spirit showed when playing in the face of such misfortunes and we appreciate their feelings when they say "they would take half a team on crutches and the other half children before they would forfeit a scheduled game."

Oratorical Contest.

The annual oratorical contest was held in the college chapel Friday evening, January 31. Six orators, two from the Senior class and two from the Junior class and the winners of the Sophomore and Freshmen classes competed. The contest this year was not marked by the usual contest between the cheering factions as formerly.

The decision of the judges gave first place to Harry Maxfield of the Senior class, second to Haines Burgess of the Junior class, and third to Alice Hayes, also of the Seniors.

Russel Lewis, president of the oratorical association presided, and the judges were Rev. Sager, of Dallas, Harvey Wilson, of McMinnville, and Rev. Knotts of LaFayette.

The program was as follows:

Instrumental Solo	J. S. Carrick
Oration.....	"A Nation's True Worth".....Alice Hayes
Oration....	How Long Shall King Alcohol Reign.....Beulah Spaulding
Bass Solo.....	Over the Ocean Blue.....Petrie
	Charles E. Fuller

Oration.....	Educational Emancipation.....	Harry Maxfield
Oration.....	The Triumph of Altruism.....	Roy Mills
Violin Solo.....	(a) Serenade.....	Gounod
	(b) The Last Hope.....	Gottschalk
	Doris Gregory	
Oration.	The Barnacles of Our Ship of State.....	Laura Hammer
Oration.....	The Fruits of Progress.....	Haines Burgess
Solo.....	Off to Philadelphia.....	Charles E. Fuller
	Decision of Judges	

Locals.

Mrs. Douglas in German class—"What do you see, Laura?" Laura—"I can't see in German."

The Misses Hayes, Spangle and Hammer gave a leap year party at the home of Mrs. O. K. Edwards January 24. The leap year scheme was carried on throughout the evening, the girls acting as escorts.

Harry Maxfield says he isn't going to learn the propositions in logic, because during leap year they will not benefit him.

Walter Burgess in English—Was Wamba a fool or was that just his occupation?

Pacific College and Albany College debate at Albany February 28. On the the same date Monmouth Normal and McMinville College debate at Monmouth, the winner of these two debates to meet for the league championship.

We are glad of the return of Pres. Kelsey, after an absence of several months, and also that his family are with him this time. The professors have been doing excellent work in his absence, but his presence and help will lighten the labors of all.

Measles are nothing as compared to mumps, and on cupid's day at that.

The Preps always like to be in the front, especially the front seats in chapel.

Beulah Spaulding was absent from school a week on account of sickness.

At the meeting of the Heli Anthus Thursday evening, the following officers were elected: President, Alice Hayes; vice-president, Lillian Johnson; secretary, Laura Hammer; treasurer, Katherine Romig.

Miss Myrtle Hannon and Alanson Baker of Willamette University, visited February 5 to 8, with the dormitory matron, Mrs. Hannon.

E. H. translating German—He was private typewriter to the Emperor.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Oregon Inter-collegiate Oratorical Association was held at Monmouth February 1. The members of the committee are H. A. Goode, president, Monmouth; George Wilson, secretary, Willamette; P. A. Lockwood, O.A.C.; Thomas R. Townsend, U. of O.; Fred Neal, Albany; Earl A. Nott, McMinnville; Samuel B. Lawrence, Pacific University; Harvey Wright, Pacific College.

Foster can't throw stones any more since he lives in a glass house.

These days have just a touch of spring in them, and the baseball diamond is again a scene of activity.

Prof. D.—Fraulein Cook, was bedentet bietet? Fraulein C.—Ich weiss nicht. Prof. D.—Herr Lewis, bietet.

Students get in the swim—have the mumps.

Riley Kaufman—"What is the difference between lieb and leib?" Harvey Wright—"Why they are synonymous terms. What is love without life or life without love."

Haines Busgess in German—"Three men couldn't go five different ways, could they?" Mrs. D.—"Not very handy." Haines—"It would take five men to go five ways."

Rev. Hamilton conducted chapel exercises February 11.

Athletics.

P. C. VS. M'MINNVILLE.

Friday, February 7, two basket ball teams from Newberg went up to McMinnville and came home the next day with the small ends of the scores. To call them the first and second teams would be unjust to P. C., for the team that lined up against the first team from Mc was composed of two players from our first team, one sub on the second and one player who didn't belong to any team. As it was the game was nip and tuck up to the last five minutes, ending with the score 25-19 in favor of McMinnville.

The manager of the McMinnville squad agreed to weaken the team a little on account of the crippled condition of the visitors, but he was careful to put the player he took off the first on the second team in order to enable them to hand a lemon to the five "preps" from Pacific.

But while we were disappointed with the conditions under which the games were played we do not mean to put the blame on McMinnville, for they played a good, clean game and deserved the victories they won.

On the contrary we wish to thank them for the reception given in our honor and compliment them on the possession of a student body that can show a

varsity team a royal good time.

P. C. VS. MUSCATINE, IOWA.

An effort is being made to get together a team of old basket ball stars for the purpose of playing the state champions of Iowa, who are on a tour through the west, and will strike Newberg about March 6. This team is open to any one that can make it. So far the following players are trying out: Hoskins, Coulson, Grafe, Rieker, Hammer, Mills, Hadlock, McDonald, Lewis and Wilson.

TRACK.

Preparations are being made for track work. At a meeting of the athletic association held February 18, Arthur Wilson was elected track manager. Although it is still early in the season, there is prospects of a good track team for the season of '08.

Exchanges.

The Earhamite contains a very good cut of Walter Miles who won the Indiana State Oratorical contest. Miles graduated from Pacific College in 1906, and was the college orator while here. His oration this year is said to be the best he has written.

The Eugene High School News is edited this month by the Sophomores. It contains several cuts and is filled with interesting stories.

The Albany College Student comes to us very poorly gotten up. A number of pages are missing and sev-

eral others are inserted twice, making it impossible to get anything of what it contains.

A new exchange on our table is "Wheat" from the Ritzville, Washington, High School. It is far ahead of many college papers that come to us.

The Nautilus, from Kansas City High School comes with a new cover and is larger and better this month than ever.

Several of our exchanges mail their papers so wrapped that when they are opened, pieces of the wrapper cling to the cover, which gives them a very untidy appearance. It would be far better if all exchanges were mailed in large envelopes.

Jack was the apple of her eye—

Alas, and woe betide her!

She ate him up and then he was

Just applejack in cider.—Ex.

Prof.—When was the Revival of Learning?

Pupil—Before the last exam.—Ex.

He—Marie told me your hair was dyed.

She—'Tis false.

He—I told her so.—Ex.

Stranger—Do you know a man around here with one leg named Jones?

Freshman—What was his other leg named?—Ex.

Reading Good Books.

Few things bring greater delight to men and women than reading again the books they loved in childhood. It is a blessing indeed to have read the best books, for familiarity with the best literature brings

culture and good companionship to the grown man and woman. Much of the best literature must be read in childhood if it is really to be enjoyed and to become a part of one's life.

Children who are reading too many stories, indiscriminately, will blunt the finer literature sense. Boys and girls who are reading books by Louisa M. Alcott, Mary Mapes Dodge, Laura E. Richards, James Baldwin, Edward Eggleston, Howard Pyle, Joel C. Harris, and other good writers are associating with wholesome children, learning about life as it is or has been lived in other times and in other countries.

Reading good books teaches one by what means great and good men have become great and good. It sets before one the story of this wonderful old world of ours, opens one's eyes to the wonders of nature and demonstrates the goodness of God. A person comes in contact with the best society in every period of history, with the wisest, the wittiest, the tenderest, the bravest and the purest characters that ever lived. The best books are books that widen and broaden his world.

Just think of being able to visit all the countries in the world by simply opening the pages of a book. Like the little lame prince with his traveling cloak—which transported him by magic to whatever country he wished to go—even may we enjoy the pleasure of knowing people in different lands whose customs and manners vary so much from ours that we seem to have stepped into another planet.—School and Home.

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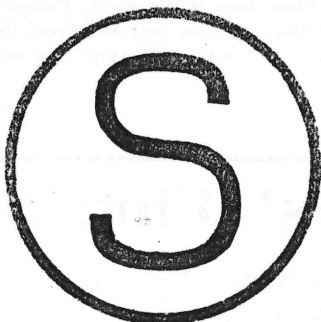
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